

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~Claims 19-29~~, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending parent Application No. 09/024,187, filed on February 17, 1998. Claims 19-29 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 1-18, which were canceled from the parent following a restriction requirement, are pending for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed documents are of record in parent Application No. 09/024,187 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, which is also of record in the parent:

Application No.: 09/053,748

Filing Date: April 2, 1998

Art Unit: 2732.

A copy of the application is enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that the cited information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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